



# FOCUS ON BRAMCOTE

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<http://www.broxtoweliberaldemocrats.org.uk>

### ELECTRONIC SOURCES OF INFORMATION

With the growth of information technology there are now several ways of keeping up to date with, and having your say on, matters relevant to the Bramcote area. Here are a few of them:

- Broxtowe Liberal Democrat's website at [www.broxtoweliberaldemocrats.org.uk/](http://www.broxtoweliberaldemocrats.org.uk/). This website site has just been redesigned to make it more user-friendly. Do give it a try.
- Cllr David Watts has a personal website at [www.davidwatts.org.uk/](http://www.davidwatts.org.uk/). As well as a councillor who represents Bramcote Ward, David is the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on Broxtowe Borough. David also produces a weekly *eNews* covering events in Broxtowe and would be happy to add you to the list of subscribers.
- As our County Councillor Stan Heptinstall has a website that can be viewed at <http://stanheptinstall.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>. The information provided is in the same format as in "Focus on Bramcote" and provides a preview of items to be included in future editions of Focus.
- We also commend the Bramcote Today website at <http://bramcotetoday.org.uk/> where news that is relevant to Bramcote is provided on a regular basis.

### NEW HOUSING SITES?

Many thanks to all those who responded to the recent consultation on potential new sites for housing in Broxtowe and the wider area. As a result of that consultation potential site at Toton has been removed from the "preferred site" list, although, at this stage, a site at Field Farm, Stapleford is still under consideration.

Completely separate from this exercise the owners of the Bramcote Hills Golf Course continue to look for possibilities for use of that land, and are consulting with architects who have an interest in creating a small retirement village similar to that at Larkhill to the south of Nottingham. The initial response from planning officers at Broxtowe BC to this suggestion is very negative indeed. However, given that something has to be done with this site, and also recognising the growing number of elderly people in Bramcote, we do wonder if others would have the same view? It is important to recognise the centrality of this site within the Bramcote Ridge. Do let us know what you think of this suggestion. You can record a simple yes or no at [www.davidwatts.org.uk/](http://www.davidwatts.org.uk/).

### BRAMCOTE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The next meeting of the Bramcote Community Action Team is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7pm. The venue is the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote. There is always plenty to discuss and the local police are always in attendance to provide an update on the situation in our area. If you have not been before, do come along and give it a try.

### ROAD WORKS ON THE A52

The works on the A52 at Thoresby Road, the Priory Island and the QMC Island are due for completion on 19 November. However, some night road closures are needed. Hopefully this will be a case of the pain before the gain!

### POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

The police now have a new non-emergency telephone number. It is 101. For emergencies continue to dial 999, but for everything else now dial 101. You will be put through to the local police via an automated response system.

### BRAMCOTE CAR PARKING PROPOSALS

New proposals have emerged to restrict car parking in some hot spots in Bramcote and we would like your comments on these. These can be sent to any of your local councillors or direct to Broxtowe Borough Council.

The proposals are:

- *Bramcote Leisure Centre*. Currently there are no charges or restrictions. It is proposed to charge £3 to park for over 3 hours but with no charge for up to 3 hours. This will apply from 8am to 3pm every day. This is because people are using the car park for commuting and this is taking up much needed space for users of the Leisure Centre.
- *King Georges Park (Town Street Car Park)*. Currently there are no charges or restrictions. It is proposed to limit parking to 3 hours in the period 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. This is to discourage people from parking there all day and taking up much needed space for park users. Parking will remain free of charge.
- *Bramcote Hills Park (Coventry Lane Car Park)*. Currently there are no charges or restrictions. It is proposed to introduce a charge of 30p for up to 2 hours and 60p for over 2 hours from 9am to 6pm every day. Over a period of time this will generate revenue to offer better visitor facilities in this very popular location.

## **BRAMWELL CARE HOME DECISION**

Following a 4 hour debate at County Hall the Conservative administration voted to sell Bramwell Care Home and 5 other care homes owned by Nottinghamshire County Council. All the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent councillors voted against the sale. Our MP Anna Soubry had also expressed her opposition to the sale. Opponents argued that the sale would lead to deterioration in the quality of care provided. In addition, the offer from Runwood Homes for (literally) the 6 best care homes in the County was so low that it is best described as "The Sale of the Century". Our County Councillor Stan Heptinstall is so concerned that he has written to the District Auditor and asked him to consider whether the sale is in the best interests of Nottinghamshire's residents. You can see Stan's detailed objections in a letter to the Nottingham Post which can be accessed at [www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/Care-home-sale-cost-money/story-13529092-detail/story.html/](http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/Care-home-sale-cost-money/story-13529092-detail/story.html/).

## **BROXTOWE COUNCIL COMMENDED**

Broxtowe Borough Council has been commended at a national awards ceremony for "delivering excellence" in five recent initiatives. These include a communication technology initiative to facilitate the Bramcote Today website. They were also commended in the best street cleansing and street scene, best parks, grounds and horticulture, best sports leisure and culture, and best partnership with a credit union categories.

## **ROGUE ROOF REPAIRERS**

There have been some instances of roof repairers charging exorbitant amounts for work in Bramcote. Please beware! We have personal knowledge of people who have been approached. Do not make contracts with people who call at your door and pressurise you into agreeing to such work. Trading Standards staff are very concerned about what is happening. Contact us if you need more information.

## **BEESTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Christmas Lights in Beeston will be switched on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This is a great occasion so do go down to Beeston and enjoy the occasion. There are numerous events in Broadgate Park, The Square, Chilwell Road Methodist Church and at Barton's on Chilwell Road throughout the afternoon. The switch-on ceremony is at 5pm in Foster Avenue Car Park.

## **FOIL AND CANS RECYCLING**

Foil trays and metal food and drinks cans can now be recycled at a new collection facility at Sainsbury's in Beeston. This is a new service that will contribute to increasing Broxtowe's recycling rates.

## **CAR PARK AT BRAMCOTE HILLS PARK**

The car park at the Coventry Lane end of Bramcote Hills Park will be resurfaced from mid-November through to late February. It is planned to maintain some parking for park users throughout the period. Please ring 0115 9173634 if you experience any difficulties.

## **THE STAR SAFARI**

We have been asked to advertise this event to be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am and 2.00pm each day.

Some of Bramcote's best locations are the setting for a spectacular promenade Nativity, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of St Michael's Church. The audience follows the action and becomes part of the story, in the robust spirit of the medieval Mystery plays. Written by Pat Ashworth, directed by Julian Hanby, with period music, a big cast of local people and not a teatowel in sight, it will take place whatever the weather - just wrap up warm for ¾ mile round trip, starting at St Michael's. Audience numbers are limited for each performance: buy tickets online at [www.bramcote.info](http://www.bramcote.info) or call the church office on 943 0137 (weekday mornings). Adults £5; children and concessions £3.

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